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THE NEWS IN LONDON.

POLITICS, THE STAGE AND FINE ARTS.
MORE COERCION IN IRELAND—THE DUKE OF ARGYLL CONTRADICTS MR. CHAMBERLAIN—MR. IRVING WINS MORE LAUDERS—PREPARING FOR THE AMERICAN OPERA SEASON.

The London cable dispatch to THE TRIBUNE reports that more rigorous measures will probably be used by the Government in Ireland. The Duke of Argyll has contradicted Mr. Chamberlain's assertion that the Land League was once deemed legal. The Guiteau trial is still freely criticised by the London press. Mr. Irving has achieved success as *Digby Grant*. Mr. Gye is engaging singers for an opera season in this country. The winter art exhibitions are about to open.

LEADING TOPICS IN LONDON.

THE LONDON STAGE AND ART GALLERIES—THE MANSION HOUSE FUND MEETING WITH SLIGHT SUPPORT—CARL ROSA'S NEW OPERA COMPANY. BY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Irish Executive appears at last awake to the necessity of coming to closer quarters with Irish ruffianism. The organization of eleven of the worst counties into five districts, each under the supervision of a special magistrate, though a step in advance, is probably only preliminary to still more direct and efficient action for which fresh parliamentary powers are deemed necessary. These magistrates are really inspectors with instructions to institute minute personal examinations in each district, and with power to use the police and military in urgent cases but they are charged especially to advise the Central Executive on the best means of restoring order. This is really an attempt to cut red tape; so is the Privy Council's sanction to serving writers or piers or plaid. The authorities believe that the arrest of Councillor has disorganized the most dangerous of Ribbon societies. Mr. Foester's resolve to prohibit the circulation of seditious pamphlets, whether Irish or foreign, comes, as usual, late, but has the hearty approval of the loyal public.

MURKIN CHAMBERLAIN CONTRADICTED.

The Duke of Argyll publishes a letter fully contradicting Mr. Chamberlain's recent assertion that the avowed objects of the Land League were originally legal and were approved by the Government. The Duke declares that the Government, during 1880, when he was a member, proclaimed the objects of the Land League to be unlawful and unjust and founded a State prosecution on their illegality. This is the second contradiction which Mr. Chamberlain has incurred in his effort to conciliate his Radical supporters.

THE MANSION HOUSE FUND.

The Mansion House subscription makes little headway in spite of the Lord Mayor's efforts to galvanize it by continuous letter-writing. The Liberal and the general public refuse to support a movement tainted, whether justly or unjustly, by the suspicion of party objects.

THE GUITEAU TRIAL CRITICISED.

There is an increasing censure of just severity in the English criticism on the Guiteau trial. This is due wholly to the elongated narratives telegraphed to *The Times* by Jos. Cook, its Philadelphia correspondent, who is pursuing his usual plan of telegraphing most fully to England whatever is most discreditible and exceptional in his own country. Englishmen now point out that Justice Cox's excuse for not interfering with Guiteau's constitutional rights do not cover what they think are among the most scandalous incidents of the trial, such as allowing Guiteau to have newspapers, to write and receive letters, and to issue addresses. *The Spectator* of Dec. 21st, Justice Cox's idea of constitutional rights includes the right to discredit the administration of law by weeks of trial infamy. *The Times* itself remarks that the impression made by Garfield's dying scenes, of all the pathos and dignity fixed the attention of the civilized world, is weakened by the protracted tangle to which the trial has been allowed to continue. American acknowledgments for this humiliation may be divided between Cox and Cook.

THE LONDON STAGE.

Irving's appearance as *Digby Grant*, in the "Two

most decisive and undisputed artistic acts" of his whole career. Critics who never con-

sider real tragic powers applaud the ripeness,

grit, and refinement of his impersonation, Irving's play, once extraordinarily popular at the Gaiety, has grown musty, and was but moderately liked at the Lyceum. The general cast

weak, but the audience, which included a larger proportion of the general public than usual on a first night, enjoyed Mr. Irving with enthusiasm all through.

The usual Christmas pantomimes at Drury Lane Covent Garden are gorgeously mounted, dull in dialogue, and stamped with vulgarity throughout. The new burlesque at the Gaiety is the other Gaiety burlesques, a medium for bad, showy dressing, and Miss Vaughan's dancing, at the usual parts for other favorites of the city's public. The only important dramatic novelty this week is Penero's new comedy, "The Queen," at the St. James's Theatre, which won a decided success, say the critics, though faulty in construction. The third act was weak; Mrs. Kendal played the act by playing with notable sincerity and power. Mrs. Langtry's first appearance as a regular member of the Haymarket company is fixed for January 19, when she will play *Blanche de la Tour* in Robertson's comedy of "Ours." Mr. Bancroft announces that he is preparing an English adaptation of Sardou's "Odette." Modjeska is engaged for the leading role.

A NEW OPERA COMPANY.

Carl Rosa's English opera company includes Miss Gaylord, Madeline Valloria, Herr Anton Schott, and Albert Randerup as conductor. They begin at Her Majesty's Theatre on January 14 with "Lohengrin." The company is organized throughout on a scale rivalling the Italian opera. A season of fifty performances is contemplated. I hear that Mr. Gye, the manager of the Covent Garden Theatre, is making important engagements for America next year.

ART EXHIBITIONS.

There was a private view yesterday of the Grosvenor Gallery's winter exhibition, consisting mainly of water colors by various artists, but mainly paintings by G. F. Watts, comprising over two hundred works, in various styles, the subjects representing fully and nobly forty years of the artist's life. The imaginative pictures are numerous, but

more admirable are Watts's portraits, which are treated with the refinement and poetic insight peculiar to him. They include those of Tennyson, Browning, Swinburne, Gladstone, the Duke of Argyll, Robert Lowe, John Stuart Mill, Miss Martineau, Leslie Stephen, Lorina Lyndhurst and Shaftesbury, Joachim and Carlyle. There was a private Royal Academy exhibition to-day of old masters. G. W. S.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

THE STATE OF BRITISH TRADE.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—*The Times*, in its financial article this morning says:

The year has been marked by a quiet but steady improvement in trade, which interchanged business and caused the heavy losses of live stock. After the first quarter of the year railway traffic returned to a high point, which has continued ever since, though imports have fallen in the second half of the year. The import of raw cotton has shown an increase, while the export of coal has fallen. The value of our foreign trade is equal to our imports. Other trade articles are equally satisfactory.

The enormous production of iron in 1881 has been exceeded in 1882. The home consumption of iron has increased, and the export of iron has increased on account of shipbuilding.

On the trade alone 100,000 more tons of shipping have been built than in the most active previous year. Probably the output of ships is still greater.

Trade with India is also up, and there is a tenth of the existing tonnage of the British mercantile fleet, or much more than a tenth if we consider that the new ships are mainly steamers.

The value of other trades is shown by the increase, up to the end of November, in the aggregate value of exports of British produce and manufactures by from three to four per cent. The increase would amount to £100,000,000, and the value of imports by £10,000,000. The loss occasioned by stoppage of work will be heavy. About 125 men who were at work in the shaft escaped unharmed, but are thrown out of employment.

LOSSES AT VARIOUS PLACES.

SALEM, N. J., Dec. 31.—Fire this morning at William Morris' Oleothene Works caused a loss of about two thousand dollars. Gaynor's Glass Works adjacent were at one time on fire, but were saved by the efforts of the firemen.

GILLESPIE, III., Dec. 31.—

A new brick school-house here has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$10,000; no insurance.

THE PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—At a meeting of the directors of the Pacific National Bank this evening, Lewis A. Coleman, the most prominent of the directors, was elected president, and he, in the event of the bank's reorganization, will act as such. It is understood that an arrangement has been made with the Central National Bank, whereby the resumption of business by the Pacific Bank is assured, and Bank Examiner Needham said to-night that the prospects for a successful resumption are more favorable now than at any time since the suspension.

COINAGE AT THE PHILADELPHIA MINT.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—The coinage exported to the United States Mint in this city in the year 1881 aggregated 59,174,633 pieces, valued at \$74,976,165.50. Of this amount 2,390 were double dollars, 3,477,200 eagles, 5,703,500 half eagles, 550 three dollar gold pieces, 680 quarter eagles, 7,650 gold dollars, 2,035,975 silver dollars, 10,975 half dollars, 12,975 quarter dollars, 24,975 dimes, 72,225 five cent pieces, 1,080,575 three cent pieces and 39,211,975 cents.

THE ROCKAWAY BEACH HOTEL.

ALBANY, Dec. 31.—An order granted by Justice Webster, in the matter of the Rockaway Beach Improvement Company (limited), was filed this afternoon. It directs Receiver Hunted to issue \$40,000 worth of receiver's certificates bearing 6 per cent interest, the proceeds to be used for the maintenance and care of the property in his charge.

PROBABLE DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—George S. Reed, a widower, this morning shot and killed his mother-in-law, Sarah A. Smith, wounded his eight years old daughter Ella, probably fatally, and then killed himself. Reed was undoubtedly guilty, and his wife and children are his family relations had been of a pleasant nature.

PERILS OF THE SEA.

KINGSTON, Dec. 31.—Much indignation has been caused throughout Jamaica because the official members of the Council have voted to make the Island treasury liable for the damages incurred by the destruction of the steamer Florence. The non-official members contend that the Imperial Government should bear the expense. No final action has been taken. The people are agitating for representative government. The coasting steamers Arran and others on Wednesday, December 14th, left Home Shore, about five miles from Alligator Pond. Besides her cargo she had fifty-seven saloon and deck passengers on board. The passengers were safely landed and a schooner is relieving the Arran of her cargo. She will become a total wreck.

The press of Jamaica has been discussing the project set forward by Colonel Dawkins regarding annexation to the United States.

In Barbadoes the public health continues to improve, and the complete continuance to encourage. In British Guiana heavy and refreshing showers have fallen. Sicknes has considerably abated, and the health of the colony may be said to be satisfactory. The stock of cotton is now well above the local market price.

The Government has determined to levy a duty of \$1 per gallon on benzene oil.

In St. Vincent the weather has been wet for some time past, and the country is covered with mud. There has been a great outcry against taxation. It has been raining daily in St. Kitts for the past few weeks, and the planters are consequently hard pressed. The Douglas tobacco crop is being harvested from time of the last three weeks. Smacemaking is also necessarily retarded. The medical officers in Grenada report that the yellow fever is almost extinct, there being but very few cases.

PERILS OF WESTERN NEWS.

TO BE HANGED FOR WIFE MURDER.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—William McHugh, convicted here of murdering his wife in June, was this morning sentenced to be hanged on April 21.

FATAL EXPLOSION IN INDIANA.

WINFIELD, Ind., Dec. 31.—The boiler in the engine house here exploded, killing John D. Smith, a small child, and severely injuring Daniel Hart, and severely injuring a third man.

ILLINOIS MILITIA DISBANDED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The Adjutant-General of Illinois has issued orders disbanding six companies of the 2d Brigade of Militia and one company of the 3d Brigade.

SMALLPOM AMONG MEDICAL STUDENTS.

KROEKER, Dec. 31.—A dispatch says the disease which broke out among the students of the medical college here is not limited to all the physicians, including the friends to be examined.

THE MISSOURI RIVER CLOSED.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 31.—The Missouri River closed last night. The ice is barged against the bridge of the St. Paul and Omaha Railway, taking away 300 feet of the structure. It will take a week to repair.

BUSINESS IN THE CHINESE COUNTRY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The business of the Chinese here for the past year, according to the annual report, has been much larger than ever before. The direct exports amounted in value to \$3,435,000. Duties were collected to the amount of \$2,928,049 on imported

CHARGES AGAINST A CLERGYMAN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A dispatch from Decatur, Ill., says: Religious circles are stirred by disclosures growing out of the trial of Joseph B. Moore, of New York, as pastor of the Christian Church.

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PUT OUT OF A THEATRE.

Lewis B. Levy, a lawyer, who lives at No. 234 West Thirty-second st., went to the Bijou Opera House last night with his mother, his brother and his sister, James E. Crane, who lives in Dutchess County, but does business in this city, and Arthur D. Blake, of No. 33 West Eighty-first st., and in front of Mr. Levy's door. He says that they both informed him that one of them touched her with his cane. Mr. Levy spoke to Mr. McCann, the manager, about it, and the latter sent for the men to come into the lobby, saying that he wanted to see them. When they went there a policeman arrested them. William Purcell, who was managing director, was present. They were taken to the police station, and after Crane had his hand dressed, they were locked up for the night. They were both in full dress and looked gentleman-like. Both denied that they had touched any one.

A MERE CASE OF STOCK GAMBLING.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—The case of Mrs. Marion L. Dow and Royal La Touche, charged with conspiring to defraud the Utton Trust Company, of New York, of \$100,000, was heard this morning before Judge Enoch. The defense claimed that the Utton Company had been defrauded by the Dow and La Touche.

AN ALLEGED MURDER BY AN OLD MAN.

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ACCIDENTAL SHOT HIMSELF DEAD.

NEW-BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 31.—Charles Williams, of Williams Mills, while hunting a revolver this morning, accidentally shot himself dead. The bullet entered his brain, and killed him.

A WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—Eliza Beckwell was burned to death this morning in her home on Broad Street. She was at the time seriously ill.

UNDERGROUND TELEGRAPH PRIVILEGES.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—The Mayor to-day vetoed an order adopted by both branches of the City Government, providing for the laying of pipes in the street for the accommodation of the wires of the various telegraph companies, which have lines passing into or through the city, on the ground that the Board of Aldermen had not been consulted.

The Committee had legal right to grant such an order, but the Mayor claims that it is a city ordinance on the subject necessary as a preliminary to the passage of such an order. The Board of Aldermen, he could hold them to be criminally responsible. The Mayor discharged the relators on the ground that he did not know what he understood by the word "privileges." As the law stood, he could not hold them to be criminally responsible.

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